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State of Louisiana Dept. of State Civil Service Louisiana Board of Ethics P. O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re:

Can state employee serve on DPEC:

Ethics Training

Dear Board:

I am requesting an ethics advisory opinion to make sure we are in compliance with the ethics laws. Members of our executive committee are elected every four years during the general election for President. Bambi Polotzola, one of our DPEC members, was recently appointed by the Governor to be Director of Governor's Office of Disability Affairs. Does this appointment preclude Bambi Polotzola from continuing to serve on the St. Landry Parish Democratic Parish Executive Committee?

We also have a question concerning ethics training. Are members of the Democratic Parish Executive Committee required to take the mandatory annual ethics training? Several members have taken the ethics training and some have not. We simply need clarity on this so we can be in compliance.

If you have any questions, please advise. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jarvis J. Claiborne